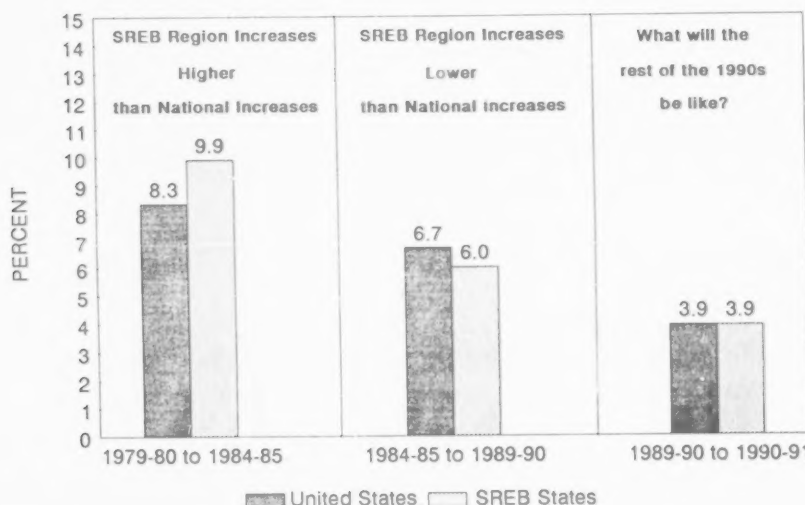


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Average Annual Percent Increases in Appropriations of State Tax Funds for Higher Education-Related Operating Expenses



SOURCE: SREB analysis of Center for Higher Education, Illinois State University, "Grapevine" reports.

Low Growth in State Funds for Colleges Begins 1990s

In the first half of the 1980s, state funds for higher education rose faster in the SREB region than they did in the nation. In the late 1980s, this situation reversed and the average annual rates of increase were higher nationally than they were in the SREB states.

As the decade of the 1990s began, the rate of increase declined sharply in the nation and the region. In both instances, for FY 1990-91, state higher education budgets were expected to increase only 4 percent over the previous year--to about \$13.6 billion in the SREB region. Even this 4 percent figure will prove illusory; more than half the states in the region and nation have taken, or are in danger of taking, mid-year budget cuts.

Data reported in this bulletin are one widely used interstate comparison

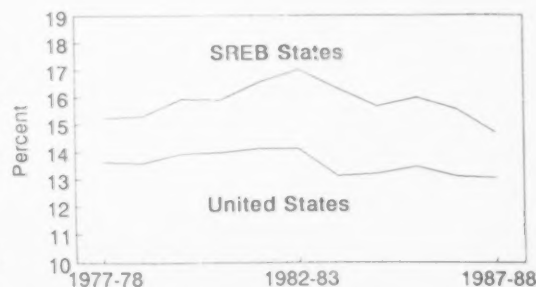
of public higher education funding--"state tax funds for higher education-related operating expenses." Included are operating funds for colleges and universities and associated research, agricultural, medical, and health centers; state-level student financial aid programs; state funds for private higher education; and state funds for statewide coordinating and governing boards.

Excluded are amounts for capital outlay and debt service, sources other than state tax funds such as federal and local tax funds, and student tuition and fees.

Historically, the SREB states devote a

greater proportion of state tax revenues to higher education than the national average. The pattern of funding growth widened the gap between the regional and national figures during the early 1980s, while the pattern of late 1980s returned the gap to pre-1980 levels.

Higher Education-Related Funds as a Percent of State Taxes



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Appropriations of State Tax Funds for Higher Education-Related Operating Expenses*

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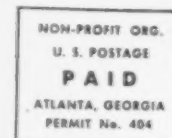
	Estimated Appropriations 1990-91 (000s)	Average Annual Percent Increase			
		1969-70 to 1974-75	1974-75 to 1979-80	1979-80 to 1984-85	1984-85 to 1989-90
United States	\$40,884,799	12.7	11.2	8.3	6.7
SREB States	13,603,748	14.4	13.3	9.9	6.0
SREB States as a Percent of U.S.	33.3				
Alabama	866,989	23.6	13.2	10.1	7.7
Arkansas	319,014	12.2	15.7	8.4	4.3
Florida	1,632,302	16.0	9.8	9.6	8.9
Georgia	961,283	14.0	10.3	9.8	7.7
Kentucky	607,445	10.1	14.5	6.4	6.2
Louisiana	585,729	13.5	12.3	11.0	-0.9
Maryland	885,085	18.1	9.3	8.6	11.1
Mississippi	443,597	20.6	12.5	8.0	5.6
North Carolina	1,484,279	15.4	10.7	10.7	8.8
Oklahoma	509,471	12.3	16.7	10.5	4.6
South Carolina	644,726	26.4	11.7	7.2	6.4
Tennessee	743,821	14.9	14.4	8.4	8.0
Texas	2,579,342	9.6	21.2	12.8	2.7
Virginia	1,077,934	15.6	13.2	10.0	9.3
West Virginia	262,731	10.2	12.3	6.9	2.8

* State appropriations reported in this table exclude dollars for capital outlay and debt service. Also excluded are monies from sources other than state tax funds, including all monies from federal sources, local sources, and student fees. The amounts include operating funds for colleges and universities; for medical and health programs, centers, and hospitals; state-level student financial aid programs; state funds for private higher education; and state funds for higher education coordinating or governing boards.

SOURCES: Derived from Edward R. Hines, *Appropriations of State Tax Funds for Operating Expenses of Higher Education 1989-90, (1990)* (Washington, D.C.: National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges); "Grapevine," Center for Higher Education, Illinois State University, unpublished revisions (March 1989); and *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (October 24, 1990).



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